# Letters

## Sheriff Replies

EDITOR:

Last Thursday's (10-14-82) copy of the **Times-Virginian** carried a letter to the editor written by an Appomattox County citizen, Ms. Linda S. Seay.

In the article, the Sheriff's Department was critized for starting the Appomattox County High School Homecoming parade off 20 minutes early and not allowing the parade to pass down Main Street as is customary.

Whenever an event is taking place that would block any state highway, a permit to do so must be granted by the Resident Engineer of the State Highway Department. Copies of this letter signed by the Engineer are then sent to the Sheriffs Department, Appomattox Chief of Police, James R. Ford, Town Manager, Bill Britton, and to the Virginia State Police, authorizing the route to be followed, naming each street, giving the time and place, and not allowing any area to be blocked for more than five minutes in any given place. This also allows for Emergency vehicles to pass through at any time during the parade. When the permit was first issued on September 21, 1982, for the homecoming parade, it was granted for Main Street. However, in the article the writer failed to mention that the parade route was changed on Monday morning (10/4) before the parade on Friday afternoon by the highway department and school officials, not the Sheriff's department. The following is the letter I received Monday (10-4) from the Resident Engineer of the Virginia State Highway Department (this was addressed to the Town of Appomattox with the Sheriff's Department receiving a copy)

"This is in reference to telephone conversation with you and letter from school authorities dated 9/29/82 regarding cringing the route of the homecoming parade on Friday, 10-8-82 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval for this parade was given by letter dated 9/21/82. By copy of this letter and copy of the letter from Mr. Armentrout to the Sheriff of Appomattox County, we are approving the parade route set forth in Mr. Armentrout's letter. All provisions set forth in my letter dated 9-21-82 are applicable."

Also the following is the letter to the Town Manager from the school officials, regarding the route to be taken (this is the lefter in which the route changes were made).

"This letter is a follow up to our telephone conversation regarding the proposed parade route for the ACHS homecoming parade scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, October 8. Our proposal is to begin behind the Appomattox Middle School and progress up OakleyAvenue past Dr. O'Brien's office. We would turn right onto Church Street, follow Church Street and turn left onto Highland Avenue; following that street we would come to Court Street, turn left onto Court, follow until we get to Jeanne's Restaurant. We would turn left off Main and proceed behind Jeanne's and the School Board office returning to Church Street. We would like to cross Church, proceed down by ther Woodmen of The World Building follow this street around and back to the Middle School. Please contact me if there are differences which arise with this proposal. I regret any points of duplication or confusion."

To answer Ms. Seay's question, "Why shouldn't our students have been given equal consideration"? When I arrived at the Middle School (the beginning and ending of the parade route) at 4:30 on Friday, the floats were beginning to assemble on the highway blocking traffic. After questioning why the road was blocked, it was learned that the gate to the football field was locked leaving the floats nowhere to go. I searched for the parade chairman without success. Unable to find her I questioned one of the mothers there with the floats of her whereabouts. I still could not locate the sponsor. At approximatly 4:40 p.m. two people came up to me and stated they were ready to start the parade. I gave the signal to begin and that's when we discovered the band had been left. They were inside the school building and had not been in the line up with the others.

During any school activity that takes place in Appomattox (ball games, dances, parades, etc.) one or more deputies are on duty to give a lending hand if needed. These deputies have put in their 8 hours of work and work an additional 2 or more hours without any overtime pay or pay from the school board for these activities. This service is given free for the benefit of the youth in Appomattox County; whereas, most counties charge fees for the type of service.

In the future it will be far more helpful for the citizen who believes he or she has a grievance to bring the complaint directly to the public agency or agencies involved. Venting what may prove to be unwarranted anger through the press probably does more harm than good to the total community.

**James (Gene) Richardson**
Sheriff, Appomattox County

## Endorses Trible

**Dear Editor:**

In November of 1976, U. S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. received the greatest popular vote ever accorded any elected official in the history of Virginia politics.

Early in the 1982 campaign for his successor in office, it appeared to those of conservative persuasion in Virginia that both major party candidates endorsed the political philosophy of Senator Byrd and that Virginia's new representative in the United States Senate would continue to be marked by the senior Senator's particular brand of conservatism.

However in April of 1982,and subsequently thereto, Owen Pickett was forced to abandon his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate, mainly through the efforts of a small group in the Richmond area who objected to Pickett's friendly relationship with Harry Byrd and his philosophy. **(Times-Dispatch** 3/25 and 4/19) and that of speaker A. L. Philpott **(Times-Dispatch** 4/18). This amounted to an outright rejection of Senator Byrd by the leadership in the Democratic party. **It can be interpreted in no other way.** Consequently it becomes a rejection of that vast body of Virginia citizens who have come to recognize that the political philosophy of Senator Byrd represents the only long range hope available to control government in Virginia, and indeed the nation. Davis, the Democratic nominee, is substantially to the left of the senator in his political philosophy, based on his actions on issues as well as his performance in the past for political candidates, few of whom have shown any conservative leanings and most of whom have been unquestionably on the left. Davis's support of such candidates as Henry Howell, Admiral Zumwalt, and Jimmy Carter on two occasions, has shown clearly where his preferences lie.

Paul Trible has, in word and deed, embraced Senator Byrd's philosophy. This is further substantiated by a recent quotation from former Governor Mills Godwin, who says,"I share the Byrd philosophy of limited, responsible and conservative government with strict adherence to sound fiscal policy. We are about to elect a successor to Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., who has served his state and nation with distinction and great integrity for nearly forty years. As between the two candidates seeking to succeed him, the choice is clear and it must be Paul Trible. he has promised to continue in the Byrd tradition - something his opponent is unwilling to do."

The people of Virginia should think long and hard before they make such a drastic change by voting for the Democratic nominee. They should instead close ranks behind Paul Trible's candidacy and send the word to the rest of the country loudly and clearly, that the spirit, conviction and philosophy of the former senior Senator of Virginia lives on.

Sincerely yours,
**J. Clifford Miller, Jr.**
Former Chairman
District Democratic Committee

## Proud of Performance

Dear Citizens:

The Chorale Boosters recently elected new officers for the year 1982-83 and we are certainly enthusiastic and proud of the performance of the ACHS Chorale which is now entering its second year under the leadership of Steve Lawrence.

The Boosters feel that the Group is dedicated and if you have seen them, I am sure you must agree that they are real entertainers.

During the year they will perform four major Concerts, perform at a Renaissance Dinner and participate in Church and Community functions. They also will go to Regionals and compete in State level competition.

The Corale exists on very limited funds and in order for it to perform to full potential, the Boosters are interested in raising funds toward this goal.

We wanted to offer you the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile group and would certainly appreciate any generosity on your part. Funds may be forwarded to Mrs. Mary Ellen Chandler, P. O. Box 532, Appomattox, Virginia.

Thank you for your consideration and we do hope that you will be hearing the "ACHS Chorale" in the very near future.

Sincerely,
Betty Magann
President

## Get Out and Vote

**Dear Editor:**

I wish to take this opportunity to urge everyone to get out and vote on Nov. 2. I also would like to state that I think there is a big difference in the two candidates who are running for the U. S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Byrd.

One issue is that of **jobs** for Virginians. I hope many will know about the fact that Dick Davis supported President Carter on his decision to send the aircraft carrier Saratoga to the Philadelphia Naval yard for overhaul, instead of our Newport News shipyard. That decision not only cost Virginians 2,600 jobs and a project worth $500 million, but it also cost the taxpayers $100 million more by having the work done at the Philadelphia naval yard. Paul Trible fought to have the overhaul done at Newport News.

I read in the U. S. News that Davis has the support of the popular Governor Robb. I wonder how popular he would be if people really knew him for what he is. The **Lynchburg News** carried an editorial on Sept. 28 that exposed the real Mr. Robb.

He is throwing away $25 million of the taxpayers money and at the same time warning that the state has to cut back on expenses. Governor Robb's plan to increase black enrollment in white colleges and white enrollment in black colleges is the stereotyped liberal Democrat response to any problem: Throw tax money at it. His only reason for such a plan is to buy votes, there is nothing else to be accomplished. I agree wholeheartedly with the editor of the **News.** Why can't we just let students go to the schools they choose -- if they can qualify. If they can't we had better look at the high school curriculum. If they don't want to go to college what business is that of the state? Or anybody else?

One thing Mr. Robb did not count on -- that his story would get in the news. Virginians who must pay the bill weren't being told about his spending spree. It just leaked out so now we know how deceitful our popular Governor is. I hope the voters will take heed of the Democratic party actions. Remember the Leaders Virginians Trust -- Trust Paul Trible.

Sincerely
**Alice C. Martin**

**MR. BERT PETERS, a well-known expert in wood pyrography visited the classes of Mrs. Forest and Mrs. Mays at Appomattox Primary School. He explained and demonstrated his art of burning designs into wood. He emphasized the importance of safety and of completing a project once it is started. The children enjoyed his visit and appreciated his time spent with them.**

## Thanks, Appomattox!

Dear Town of Appomattox,

Many of you I have met; some of you I have not. However, I want all of you to know how much I appreciate all you did for me during my visit to Appomattox. It was an honor to act as your Grand Marshall during the Railroad Festival.

It was a treat to get to know so many of you and it is with a mind full of memories that I go back to work. Hopefully it won't be another year before I return!

Thanks again for your support, kindness and hospitality.

Always
Deborah Adair

## Locals visit ship launching

Newport News Shipbuilding launched the Navy's newest nuclear power attack submarine on October 16, 1982. The principle speaker at the launching was Sen. Jake Garn of Utah and his wife, Kathleen, christened the submarine.

USS Salt Lake City is the 11th Los Angeles-class submarine launched by Newport News Shipbuilding. Its keel was laid August 27, 1980. After launching she will be more than a year away from completion and delivery. The submarine has an overall length of 362 feet, a beam of 33 feet, and submerged displacement of 6900 tons. She will accommodate 12 officers and 115 enlisted men.

Among those in attendance were Jim Givens, Newport News; David Jobe, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jobe, Gladstone; and Paul Wade Spiggle, Appomattox.

## Spaghetti supper set

A spaghetti supper (all you can eat) will be held on October 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Appomattox Middle School cafeteria. Adults will be charged $2.50 and children, 12 years old and under, will be charged only $1.50.

Enjoy a good spaghetti meal before the football game begins. All proceeds of this supper will go to the Chorale.

# Concert planned at high school Oct. 25

The Appomattox County High School Chorale and Chorus, under the direction of Steve Lawrence, will present their annual fall concert on Monday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The concert will be presented in three parts. The ACHS Chorale will begin the program with selected folk songs, including "Black Is The Color Of My True Love's Hair", "Shenandoah", and "Poliy Wolly Doodle." Popular selections such as "Come Go With Me" by the Beach Boys and a medley of Kenny Rogers hits will be performed by the combined chorus classes.

The Chorale will conclude the concert with a variety of lighter music. Featured will be songs from the 1920's, showtunes, and a gospel number titled "Operator" with soloist Mike McCoy. Choreography for many of the selections was created and directed by Mrs. Sandra Frey.

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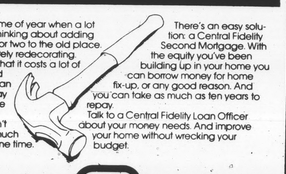

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## Sorority celebrates anniversary

**LEFT TO RIGHT: MARY JANE BOWLIN, state chaplain; Virginia Lewis, past state president; Peggy Hank, state treasurer; Jean Noone, President, Farmville chapter.**

Alpha Delta Kappa, international honorary sorority for women educators, is celebrating its 35th anniversary the week of October 11-15. The Farmville Chapter met Mon., Oct. 11 at Sheldon's Restaurant to commemorate this week with a banquet. The guest speakers for this occasion were Mrs. Virginia Lewis, past president of the state A.D.K. Mrs. Mary Jane Bowlin, State Chaplain and Mrs. Peggy Hank, State Treasurer.

A.D.K. was founded in Jefferson, Missouri in 1947 and became an international organization in 1956. The sorority seeks to recognize outstanding women educators. Other goals of the organization include building a fraternal fellowship among educators; promoting excellence in education; promoting educational and charitable projects and activities; enriching the lives of individuals everywhere and assisting these individuals into a happy, constructive and fulfilling life.

The goals are achieved through various local, state, national and international projects. Internationally, the sorority provides money for foreign students to study in the United States, for research grants and for members to travel abroad.

The Virginia chapters contribute to the Children's Unit of Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg and award three scholarships annually to Virginia A.D.K. members.

The Farmville Chapter of A.D.K. was organized in April, 1970. The chapter has members representing public and private schools and colleges in Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, and Prince Edward counties.

The local Founder's Day Committee who organized the program for A.D.K. Week consisted of Dorothy Campbell, Chairman; Marilyn Osborne; Beatrice Bland; Pat Johnson, Francis Clark; Martha Jones, Ethel Southall, and Elizabeth Duckworth.

A.D.K. programs for the year are planned for both professional and personal enrichment.

## Volunteers are needed

The American Heart Association is seeking volunteers to help with the fight against heart disease - the nation's number one cause of death. As a voluntary health organization, the Association relies on volunteers to carry out its mission.

Volunteers are needed for service projects in the community such as blood pressure screenings, education programs, health fairs and the coronary club.

They are also needed to work with the campaign divisions including residential, business, special gifts and special events.

The Piedmont Division office uses volunteers year-round to maintain records, prepare mailings, and distribute educational materials.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Janie Dowdy, Executive Director, Piedmont Division, (804) 846-6559. The office is located at 1003 Church Street, Lynchburg, Virginia.

# School board receives report on progress

The Appomattox County School Board at its regular meeting on October 13, received the following report on the assessment of the school system toward achievement of objectives for the 1981-82 session:

Appomattox Primary and Elementary Schools completed an interim review study and received a visiting committee as part of the accreditation process of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

A very strong program in guidance, with emphasis on career guidance, continued at AMS and ACHS.

Students who could not function in the regular school programs were offered alternative educational opportunities.

The schools continued to improve the effectiveness of enrichment and supplementary activities for gifted and talented students.

By the end of 1981-82 approximately 85 percent of students, grades K-6, demonstrated mastery of basic learning skills.

A survey of 1979 ACHS graduates provided information which was helpful in revising the high school curriculum to more effectively prepare students for further education and entry into the job market.

By the end of 1981-82 session, 99 percent of the class of 1982, 93 percent of the class of 1983, and 84 percent of the class of 1984 had passed minimum competency tests.

The School Board began implementation of a renovation and energy conservation program of school facilities at a cost of approximately $1,000,000.

Because of declining student enrollment and the need to improve operational efficiency, Pamplin Elementary School was closed at the end of 1981-82 session resulting in a savings to the county during 1982-83 of a minimum of $110,000.

Average student attendance for 1981-82 was 94 percent. This resulted from concerted efforts of school personnel, parents and local agencies to reduce student truancy.

A comprehensive program of adult education was offered. Approximately 939 persons participated.

A comprehensive program was provided for handicapped students.

Schools emphasized parent involvement with their children in the school program which resulted in an increase in parent support and participation.

Plans were developed for the institution of a program in computer science in the curriculum at ACHS, beginning with the 1982-83 session.

Plans were developed for initiation of an advanced class in biology and chemistry during 1982-83.

Conduct standards, adopted by the School Board, were enforced effectively in the schools.

Compared with previous years, 8th and 11th grade students showed significant gains on SRA Achievement Tests while 4th grade students scored lower.

Personnel of the school system, with few exceptions, accepted their assignments seriously and demonstrated high levels of competencies in the execution of their duties.

43.7 percent of the class of 1981 enrolled in an institution of higher education. This represents an average increase of eight percent compared to the past seven years.

All schools were operated very systematically with emphasis on quality instruction, parental involvement, acceptable student conduct and regular student attendance.

To continue the planning and evaluation effort of the school system, the School Board appointed approximately forty-five parents, teachers and other school personnel to the Central Planning Council for 1982-83.This council will continue to assume the responsibility to assess the progress of the school system and to present new and revised objectives resulting from identified needs of the school program.


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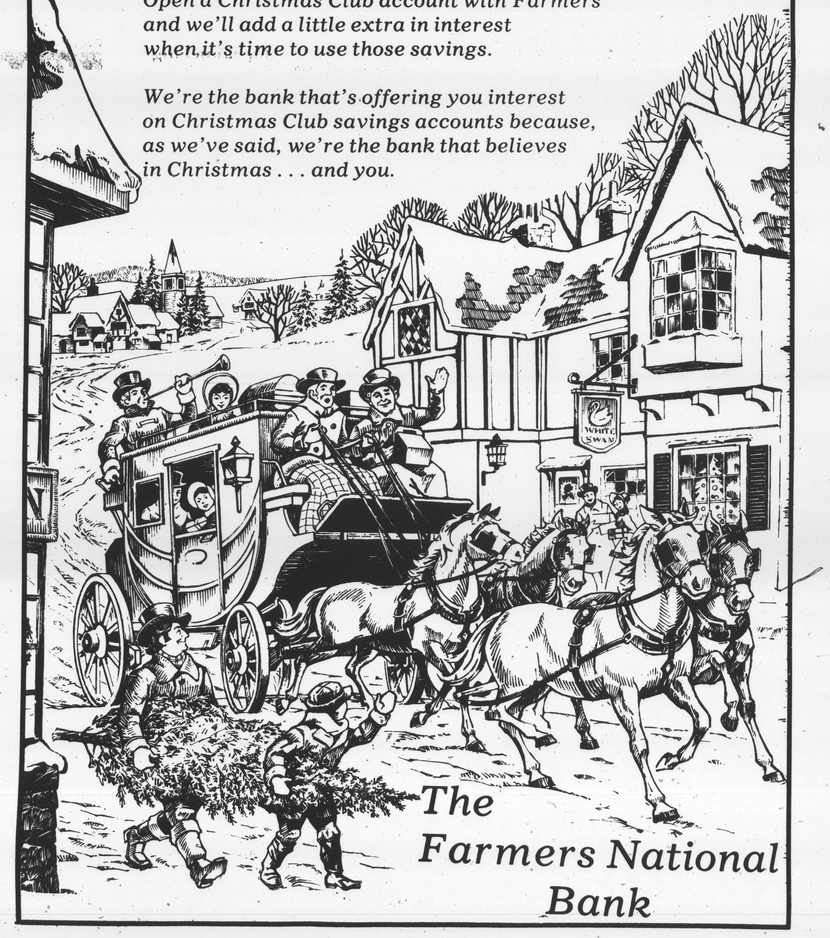


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